Mobile Market

1554. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mobile market is in turmoil as Government and the regulator have not come out with a clear cut policy and rules; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir. The Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) has shown a healthy growth of 80% to 90% per year for the last two years in terms of number of subscribers in the country. Terms and conditions of the Licence for providing CMTS are well-defined in the Licence Agreements signed with the CMTS Operators.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Mobile phone sets to postmen in the States

†1555. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh where postmen have been provided with mobile phone sets under the newly launched Gramin Sanchar Sevak Yojana, district-wise; and

(b) the extent to which the sets have been used and the success of the experiment so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) A total of 1136 villages have been covered in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh States under the newly launched pilot scheme Grameen Sanchar Sewak Yojana. The details are given below.

†The original notice of the question was received in Hindi.